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In re Application of :
Hochet et al. :
Application No.: 09/445356 : DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/FR99/00811 :
Int. Filing Date: 08 April 1999 : PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 10 April 1998 :
Attorney's Docket No.: VEI0318PUSA : 37 CFR 1.182
For: A Method of Making a Sandwich-Type :
Composite Panel Having a Hinge, and a :
Panel Obtained by Performing Such a Method :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed on 23 May 2000.

BACKGROUND

On 08 April 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/FR99/00811, claiming priority of an earlier application filed on 10 April 1998. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 21 October 1999. No Demand for international preliminary examination electing the United States appears to have been filed prior to the elapse of 19 months from the priority date. Accordingly, the twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired as of midnight on 10 December 1999.

On 10 December 1999, applicants filed, *inter alia*, the required basic national fee, a Transmittal Letter concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371, a purported English translation of the international application, a preliminary amendment, and a fee calculation sheet.

On 01 March 2000, applicants filed a transmittal letter, an executed declaration and power of attorney, a recordation form cover sheet, and an assignment.

On 29 March 2000, a Communication was mailed to applicants, recommending the filing of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to correct the error in the Transmittal Letter of 10 December 1999.